THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The average length is 1.06 Kms. in Orissa against an All India average length of 0.96 Kms. per 100 Sq. Kms. of area.

(b) and (c) The Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised. Depending upon the resources available in the Plan, proposals from various State Governments including Orissa would be invited in due course for consideration, for making new additions to the National Highway System.

N.C.C. Cadets in the Country

1966 DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of N.C.C. cadets during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been any decline in their number; and

(c) if so, what measures his Ministry propose to take to popularise N.C.C.?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation of Railway Workshop, Ajmer

1967. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the century old railway workshops in Ajmer (Western Railway) during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the capital outlay involved and the funds proposed to be made available during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

The Work of Modernisation of Ajmer Workshop has been included in the Railway Budget 1984-85.

(b) The project covers increased capacity for POH of Diesel locos, modern facilities for the overhaul of coaching stock and goods stock, rationalisation of lay-outs, modernisation of equipment, improvements in material handling facilities etc. to increase productivity.

(c) Anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 26.05 crores. An outlay of Rs. 0.51 crore has been provided during 1985-86.

Shelving of sanctioned railway projects

1968. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of railway projects, earlier sanctioned for improvement of railway services which have been shelved on grounds of severe financial constraints;

(b) what are the details of railway projects recently sanctioned which have been taken up or are likely to be taken up for the improvement of the railway services; and

(c) by what time financial constraints of the railways are expected to be over?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) The following projects, though earlier approved for being taken up, have been removed from the list of approved works for reasons of severe financial constraints, apart from other reasons:—

(1) New BG line from Kalka to Parwanoo (Tipra) (4.3 kms.). At the request of Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, this work has been deleted.